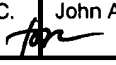
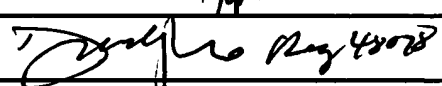


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Sir:

In reply to the Notice of Non-Compliance mailed September 18, 2006 and as a supplement to the Amendment filed September 7, 2006 (in reply to the Office Action mailed March 8, 2005), Applicants attach hereto corrected drawings, as requested by the Examiner.

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Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9-17 remain pending in the application. Of those, claims 1, 2, 16 and 17 remain written in independent format.

Applicant has corrected the drawings, thereby bringing the response filed September 7, 2006 into compliance. Favorable action on the above-identified application is respectfully requested.


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